

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the following paragraphs as indicated:

[0019] In another embodiment, a different technique is used to determine the peaks of the vibration signal. This technique begins with the step of analyzing each digital value as the digital value is generated from the ~~digital~~ vibration signal. This is done to determine if the magnitude component of the digital value exceeds a certain threshold. This technique can also be practiced by substituting the enhanced digital value for the digital value. The technique continues with the step identifying a valid peak when the magnitude component of the digital value first exceeds the certain threshold. The technique concludes by starting a timer to run for a certain time when the magnitude component of the digital value exceeds the certain threshold. The technique does not allow the identification of other valid peaks while the timer is running. The length of the timer is longer than a refractory time caused by a droplet of rain striking the surface. Also, the certain threshold may be varied based on a size of droplets of rain.